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See the Reggio Emilia approach in its original context!

Join a group of interested South African educators, led by a member of the Africa Reggio Emilia Alliance, on a tour to participate in the 2026 Reggio Children International Study Group in Reggio Emilia, Italy. This visit will focus on the educational experience that has been developed and practised in the municipal schools and infant toddler centres of Reggio Emilia since the 1960s and will include visits to these schools. This is a wonderful opportunity to hear about and see the Reggio Emilia approach in its place of origin.



Provisional study group programme, 18 - 25 April 2026

A group booking for AREA tour participants has been made at the Morandi Hotel in Reggio Emilia, not far from the Loris Malaguzzi international Centre where the Reggio Children International Study Group is being held. Participants should make their own travel plans and arrange to arrive at the Morandi Hotel in Reggio Emilia by **Saturday 18 April** to orientate themselves in the city and its surrounds.

- **Saturday 18 April:** Free afternoon and evening or an optional extra visit to a working balsamic vinegar farm and restaurant with other AREA participants.
- **Sunday 19 April:** Free morning or an optional extra morning visit to Parma, Modena or Bologna with the AREA participants or a visit to the Africa Reggio Friendship Hall at the Istoreco.
- **Sunday 20 April:** Early registration for the Reggio Children International Study Group at the Loris Malaguzzi International Centre in Reggio Emilia (to be confirmed by Reggio Children).
- **Monday 20 April to Friday 24 April, Reggio Children International Study Group:**
Daily presentations at the Loris Malaguzzi International Centre. Lectures will be in either English or Italian with translation provided as necessary by an interpreter. Presentations will be given by teachers, pedagogistas, atelieristas, administrators and parents.

Topics and activities include:

- Background and history of the Reggio Emilia educational project
- The hundred languages of children
- Observation, interpretation and documentation
- Children as citizens with rights
- The school as a system of interactions and relationships
- The environment and the educational space
- Parents' involvement in the life of the school.
- Visits to schools and infant-toddler centres
- Visits to Reggio Children exhibitions and Remida

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- Visit to Reggio Children Documentation and Educational Research Centre
- Coffee/tea breaks with snacks
- Five lunches at the Loris Malaguzzi International Centre
- Farewell reception
- **Saturday 25 April:** Departure from Reggio Emilia



Cost

The cost of this tour (which covers participation in the Reggio Children International Study Group plus accommodation) is:

R 51 250 per person (shared accommodation)

R 58 000 per person (comfort single)

N.B. This fee excludes

Flights and other travelling expenses, comprehensive compulsory travel and medical insurance, meals, drinks, tips and other related costs.

This fee includes

Seven nights' accommodation (with continental breakfasts), the Reggio Children International Study Group fee, Italian taxes for foreign study, five lunches, a farewell reception at the Loris Malaguzzi International Centre and administration fees.

The registration fee for the Reggio Children International Study Group covers some local bus travel to visit schools, meetings, presentations, interpreters, coffee breaks with snacks, five lunches, visits to schools, printed materials, insurance against damage to schools, and the farewell reception. It also includes the 22% tax which international delegates are required to pay to the Italian government for professional learning undertaken in Italy (a tax introduced in 2009). The Reggio Children registration fee is all-inclusive for all participants and cannot be adjusted or reduced for any non-use of or non-participation in any aspects of the Reggio Children International Study Group.

AREA has calculated the Reggio Children registration fee (including the Italian study tax of 22%), as closely as possible to the exchange rate prevailing at time of writing. If there is a large drop in the exchange rate before payments to Reggio Children are due, an additional fee may have to be charged. AREA is not in a financial position to absorb these extra costs should there be a dramatic fall in the currency exchange.





Africa Reggio Emilia Alliance Tour to Reggio Emilia

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PLEASE NOTE:

- Numbers are limited and demand for places on the AREA study tours is high.
- Places will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis on receipt of the signed and completed registration form and proof of payment of the non-refundable deposit of R1 500 by 12 January 2026

Registrations close on 12 January 2026. Payment in full is due by 19 January 2026.

Cancellation policy

AREA is contracted by the hotel and Reggio Children to pay in full for the bookings by 29 January 2026.

Cancellations by registered participants will incur the following cancellation fees:

- Cancellations after 19 January 2026 and before 29 January 2026 will forfeit R25 000 unless a replacement/substitute is found by the registrant.
- Cancellations after 29 January 2026 will forfeit the full payment unless a replacement/substitute is found by the registrant, in which case a 15% administration fee will apply.

Payment Details

Payments should be made by electronic transfer

Use your **surname** followed by **Study Group 26** as a reference for your payment.

Account Name: Africa Reggio Emilia Alliance
NPC
Bank: Standard Bank
Account Number: 001 802 321

Branch: Norwood
Branch Code: 004105
Swift No: SBZAZAJJ

To Register

Please complete and sign the attached registration form and email it, together with proof of payment to

Tessa Browne: tessa@reggio.co.za 082 852 6424

Travelling to Reggio Emilia

Participants are responsible for:

- Ensuring that their passports are valid and do not expire within six months of their arrival back in South Africa. Passports should have a minimum of two blank pages next to each other.
- Ensuring that they have a blank double page left in their passports.
- Ensuring that they have the required visa to gain entrance to the European Union. Holders of South African passports need to obtain a Schengen visa from the Italian Consulate timeously. AREA does not accept responsibility for any losses incurred by participants because of noncompliance of their travel documents or non-admission to the European Union.
- Making their own travel arrangements to Reggio Emilia.
- Ensuring that they have comprehensive travel and medical insurance to cover their stay in Reggio Emilia. A copy of this insurance must be sent to the AREA.

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Additional travel notes

- Reggio Children will provide limited bus service between the Loris Malaguzzi International Centre and various schools to be visited in Reggio Emilia during the programme.
- Participants are advised that they are not permitted by Reggio Children to photograph or videotape inside the schools and infant-toddler centres of Reggio Emilia and inside the auditorium, exhibition areas and ateliers at the Loris Malaguzzi International Centre.
- Refreshments during tea breaks and five lunches are included in the cost of the registration package. Participants may also buy light meals or snacks at the Pause Restaurant in the Loris Malaguzzi International Centre.
- The study tour programme is very intensive and includes some evening sessions. It is also carefully planned to provide a sequence of knowledge building, and it is therefore crucial to attend each session that is offered.
- Please note that this cost is only for one person to attend the Reggio Children International Study Group. Companions or participants' children will not be able to attend any of the lectures at the Loris Malaguzzi International Centre or participate in any of the visits to schools arranged by Reggio Children. AREA however, can arrange accommodation for them at the same hotel at which the AREA tour party is staying, if this is available.
- Please note that no separate activities or sightseeing tours have been arranged for companions.
- A representative of AREA will accompany the tour if there are 8 or more participants.
- Many shops close over lunchtime and re-open at approximately 16h00 every afternoon.
- Many shops are closed on Thursday afternoons and on Sundays.
- There is an outdoor market in Reggio Emilia on Tuesday and Friday mornings from about 7h30 to 13h00.